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Chair Gerratana, Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Slossberg, Vice-Chair Miller, Ranking Member Welch, Ranking Member Srinivasan, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify on SB 466, An Act Concerning Education Courses for Physicians.

Connecticut statute section 20-10b requires physicians to earn at least 50 contact hours of continuing medical education (CME) over a two-year period. The statute stipulates education pertain to the physician's area of practice, reflect the needs of the physician's license, and include at least one hour of education or training in each of the areas of infectious diseases, risk management, sexual assault, domestic violence, and cultural competency.

The concern addressed by SB 466 is Connecticut physicians repeating the same CME courses they have successfully completed. SB 466 simply amends state statute section 20-10b to permit physicians to enroll in different courses in addition to the ones credit hours were earned. The courses would be germane to their practices, reflective of their licenses, and of the subject matter pertaining to the topics enumerated in state statute. By extending course offerings, not only is redundancy eliminated, Connecticut physicians are afforded even greater opportunity to expand their professional skills necessary to meet the health care needs of the public.

Please pass SB 466 and amend state statute section 20-10b, allowing Connecticut physicians to continue their medical education in an ever-expanding course selection, not repeat the same. Thank you.